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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Stolen Vehicle Spotted by Detective, Driver Refuses to Stop**

On March 1, 2023, at approximately 4:30 a.m. Mundelein Police Department issued a regional police broadcast of a vehicle that was just stolen in their village. The broadcast indicated the stolen 2020 Cadillac XT5 was last seen traveling eastbound on Route 120 from Route 45, Grayslake.

Around the same time, a sheriff's detective was traveling eastbound on Route 120 in the area of Route 21 (which is east of Route 45). The sheriff's detective began searching for the stolen vehicle, when he was passed by the Cadillac and a 2015 Nissan Pathfinder at an extremely high rate of speed, in excess of 100 MPH.

The sheriff's detective activated his emergency lights and siren, however both vehicles continued at their excessively fast speed. The sheriff's detective lost sight of both vehicles as they continued traveling eastbound. As the sheriff's detective approached Route 120 and the offramp to Greenleaf Street, he saw the Nissan was involved in a crash with a 2008 BMW X5. The sheriff's detective went directly to the occupants of the BMW, to check their wellbeing.

Four individuals fled from the Nissan. A sheriff's canine responded in an attempt to track the individuals who fled, however, the track ended in a parking lot just south of the crash scene, where the offenders likely got into a different vehicle.

The driver and passenger of the BMW, both of whom are adults, were transported to Lake Forest Hospital with minor injuries.

It is believed the Nissan Pathfinder, which was previously reported stolen out of Waukegan, was involved in the theft of the Cadillac. The Cadillac was subsequently recovered abandoned in the 1700 block of McAree Drive, Waukegan, by a sheriff's detective. Mundelein Police Department Evidence Technicians are processing the Cadillac for evidence.

The entire incident remains under investigation by the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Waukegan Police Department, and Mundelein Police Department.

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